

Election Edition

Mayor of Golden

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On November 6th, the City of Golden will be conducting its General Municipal Election. In this election, voters will elect candidates for Mayor and City Councilors for Districts 1 and 2. The election is strictly non-partisan and will be conducted by the Jefferson County Elections Department via mail-in ballots. The ballots were sent out between October 12th and October 22nd to all registered voters who live within Golden city limits. Voters have until November 6th to either mail in their ballots or deliver them to City Hall.

In the race for Mayor of Golden, there are three candidates: Charles "Chuck" Baroch, Jacob Smith, and Mary Weaver. Charles Baroch is the incumbent and is running against Jacob Smith, a Golden City Councilor, as well as Mary Weaver, also a Golden City Councilor. *The Oredigger* interviewed both Charles

Baroch and Jacob Smith about their campaigns; Mary Weaver could not be reached for comment.

Charles Baroch, the first candidate on the ballot, has been the Mayor of Golden for the past two terms and is Executive Director of the Golden Civic Foundation. He was born in Denver, Colorado and obtained his undergraduate degree in Metallurgy from the Colorado School of Mines and his Masters degree and PhD from Iowa State University. After graduate school, Baroch spent 2 years in the army and went on to work in the power generation industry for 30 years. He has lived in Golden for the past 16 years.

Baroch is running for Mayor of Golden to continue his work for the city. "[I have had] six years of good service to the city... [and] I want to continue that," said Baroch. Having started many projects during his years in office, Baroch wishes to "see some of these [projects] finished under my leadership."

With "both leadership and managing experience," Baroch believes he is a well qualified candidate for Mayor. His business experience includes being the Vice President of a Fortune 500 company, the President of a joint venture with a Swedish company, the President of Hazen Research of Golden, and he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of an environmental company. Baroch states that he has "lots of leadership and management experience that can carry over to being the Mayor."

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Golden District 1 Councilor

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It may not be on every citizen's mind this November, but the time has come for local elections in Golden. Especially for students, it is difficult to know who the candidates are for local elections and, simultaneously, to be aware of what the issues are.

Golden has a city council with seven members, and three of them are up for election: Mayor, District One Councilor, and District Two Councilor. District one covers most of the area south of 21st street. The three candidates for this position are Francis H. Oldham, Marjorie Sloan, and Lynne Timpeiro, who is the current District One City Councilor.

A central issue in the eyes of all candidates is the proposed construction of a 'beltway.' The plan proposed by CDOT was to build a multilane toll way through Golden. Most candidates offered the same opinion on this issue, saying that they either did not want the beltway or did not feel that it was necessary. During an interview, Marjorie Sloan said, "I think that if any proposed highway came through Golden, it would cut neighborhoods from the heart of Golden." Frank Oldham had a similar sentiment on the issue, saying that he would do what is possible to divert the beltway away from Golden. Lynne Timpeiro, when asked about the plan, mentioned that there is an alternative

plan for a parkway that she felt would be a good compromise and did not feel that it was necessary to split Golden with a super slab.

The second election issue focuses on the RTD FasTracks plan for Golden, placing a light rail station in Golden near the Jefferson County Government Center. All three candidates stated that they supported the proposed plan. However, each of them had a different perspective on how it would affect Golden. Marjorie Sloan said that it would be a good for Golden, particularly because of the amount of traffic that it would take off of the roads. Lynne Timpeiro also stated that it was a good idea, but added that there is a lot to do before FasTracks arrives, including alternative forms of transportation to get to the light rail station. Timpeiro made the point that, if everyone drives to the light rail station, it will not cut back on traffic. Frank Oldham said that he likes the proposition, however he also said that he does not embrace the idea that FasTracks will be here in a timely manner. Accordingly, he mentioned that there should not be development in Golden for this issue until FasTracks construction is closer.

Another one of the issues affecting Golden voters deals with the concerns raised by Marion Olson, the publisher of the Voice of Golden newsletter.

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Golden District 2 Councilor

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With the election less than a month away, candidates for the local District Two Councilor position are gearing up for the final leg of the campaign. All candidates live in the Golden area and profess to have both a sincere admiration for the "old-town" character of the city and a passion for the beautiful scenery.

Steve Gallant, the first District Two candidate, graduated from Denver University and attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he earned a Masters degree. Gallant was able to move to the city in 2001 and has lived around the Golden area for the last seven years.

Gallant is focusing on the importance of preserving the "natural beauty and small-town feel" of Golden. As Gallant explains, "I would like to shift the city government's focus from statues to sidewalks and from corporate chain stores and big developers to existing local businesses and aspiring mom-and-pop shops."

Gallant is also in opposition of the creation of a major six-lane beltway and hopes to protect the property rights of citizens living near the beltway project site. As Councilor, Gallant plans to make the City Council open and responsive to the concerns of the people of Golden.

Donald Parker, the second

District Two candidate, is a former environmental engineer and lawyer for the Environmental Protection Agency. Parker has a long record of support for open space initiatives.

As Councilor, Parker hopes to protect existing open space around Golden and to expand the current amount of open space. In support of open space initiatives, Parker became the President of Save the Mesas, a project that worked to protect South and North Table from development.

Parker would like to keep Golden from expanding too rapidly. With the priority of supporting an amendment to restrict growth to 1% or less each year, Parker argues, "I like Golden the size it is now." On the same lines, Parker plans to protect the community against the six-lane toll way that has been proposed.

As Councilor, Parker would also like to establish a greater connection between the city, the Colorado School of Mines, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. "I think Golden should take better advantage of its proximity and relationship to CSM and NREL to encourage spin-off business related to CSM or NREL."

Also, with his background as Co-founder of the Golden Resource for Education Art and Theater, Parker hopes to establish an art film theatre to bring culture to the city.

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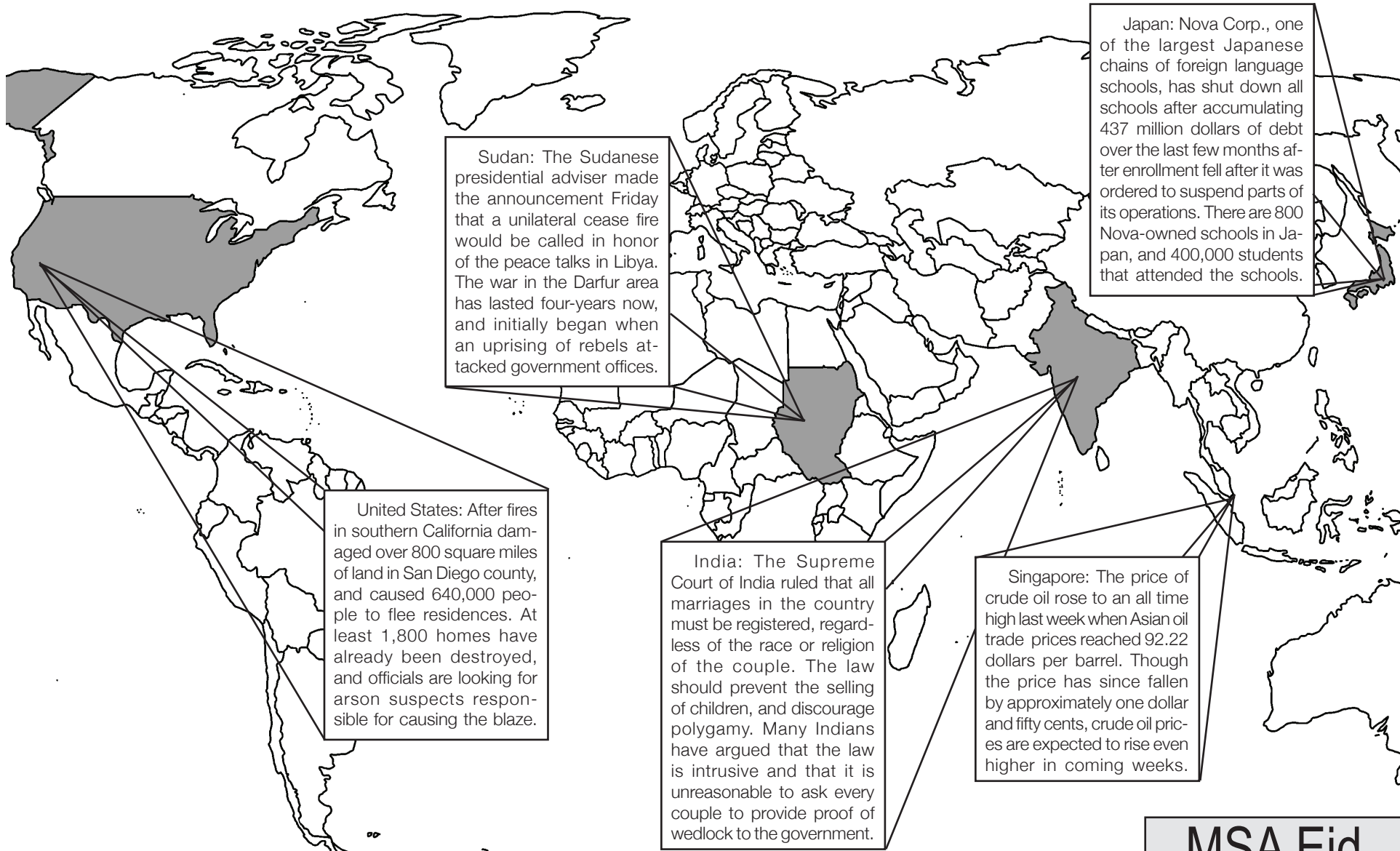
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World News in Brief



Medal of Honor Ceremony Held at White House Monday for Navy SEAL Killed in Afghanistan

Devlin Barrett
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – President Bush publicly honored a fallen Navy SEAL Monday by presenting his grieving parents with the Medal of Honor, and privately honored their sacrifice by wearing a dog tag

they'd given him moments before.

The president posthumously awarded the nation's highest military honor for valor to Lt. Michael Murphy of Patchogue, N.Y., the first given for combat in Afghanistan.

Before the emotional White House ceremony, Murphy's parents Dan and Maureen Murphy met with Bush and gave him a gold dog tag in tribute to their son.

"What we were most touched by was that the president immediately put that on underneath his shirt, and when he made the presentation of the Medal of Honor, he wore that against his chest," said the father.

After the ceremony, Dan Murphy said, Bush told the family: "I was inspired by having Michael next to my chest."

The father, who fought back tears during the ceremony, said they were "deeply moved" by Bush's gesture.

"It was very emotional on everybody's part," said Maureen Murphy.

Bush presided over a solemn ceremony honoring their son's battlefield decision to expose himself to deadly enemy fire in order to make a desperate call for help for his elite combat team.

"While their missions were often carried out in secrecy, their love of country and devotion to each other was always clear," Bush said. "On June 28, 2005, Michael would give his life for these ideals."

Murphy's parents both cried at points in the ceremony as they stood next to the president and listened to their son's

heroism recounted. Vice President Dick Cheney also attended, as did a handful of previous recipients of the Medal of Honor.

"There's a lot of awards in the military, but when you see a Medal of Honor, you know whatever they went through is pretty horrible. You don't congratulate anyone when you see it," said Marcus Luttrell, the lone member of Murphy's team to survive the firefight with the Taliban.

Murphy, Luttrell and two other SEALs were searching for a terrorist when their mission was compromised after they were spotted by locals, who presumably alerted the Taliban to their presence.

An intense gun battle ensued, with more than 50 anti-coalition fighters swarming around the outnumbered SEALs.

Although wounded, Murphy is credited with risking his own life by moving into the open for a better position to transmit a call for help.

Still under fire, Murphy provided his unit's location and the size of the enemy force. At one point he was shot in the back, causing him to drop the mobile phone. Murphy picked it back up, completed the call and continued firing at the enemy who was closing in.

He then returned to his cover position with his men and continued the battle. A U.S. helicopter sent to rescue the men was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, killing all 16 aboard. It was the worst single-day death toll for U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

By the end of the two-hour

gunfight, Murphy and two of his comrades were also dead. An estimated 35 Taliban were also killed. Luttrell was blown over a ridge and knocked unconscious. He escaped, and was protected by local villagers for several days before he was rescued.

Murphy, who died before his 30th birthday, is the fourth Navy SEAL to earn the award and the first since the Vietnam War. Two Medals of Honor have been awarded posthumously in the Iraq war: to Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham, who was killed in 2004 after covering a grenade with his helmet, and to Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, who was killed in 2003 after holding off Iraqi forces with a machine gun before he was killed at the Baghdad airport.

Murphy's heroics have been widely recognized on Long Island, where he graduated in 1994 from Patchogue-Medford High School.

To his fellow SEALs, he was known as "Murph," but as a child, his parents nicknamed him "The Protector," because of his strong moral compass. After the 2001 terror attacks, that compass eventually led him to Afghanistan, where he wore a patch of the New York City Fire Department on his uniform.

"He took his deployment personally. He was going after, and his team was going after, the men who planned, plotted against and attacked not only the United States, but the city he loved, New York," said his father. "He knew what he was fighting for."

MSA Eid Celebration

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The ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Ramadan, just recently ended a few weeks ago. After Ramadan, however, there is the highly anticipated celebration of Eid. The Muslim Student Association at the Colorado School of Mines will be hosting an Eid celebration on November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in Student Center Ballrooms A, B, and C.

According to the president of MSA, Nader Alarfaj, Eid is the celebration of successfully finishing Ramadan. Alarfaj added, "Ramadan is the month of fasting. It begins and ends by the sighting of the crescent moon. Muslims fast – no drinking or eating – and also abstain from sexual activity with their spouse from dawn to sunset. In this month, people try to do good deeds and recite the Quran."

Ramadan is the month of forgiveness, the best time a Muslim can repent for his or her sins.

"Muslims fast because it is prescribed for them in the Quran directly by Allah," Alarfaj said. "Also, benefits of fasting may include developing self control over hunger, thirst and sexual urges, and also testing sincerity to God. It teaches a non-poor man/woman what it would be like to be poor and not have food, or to not be blessed with a wife or husband. This is why, also, towards the end of Ramadan Muslims give money to the poor so that they too can afford a meal."

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MSA Holds Student Celebration

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When the crescent moon is cited, Ramadan is finished and the next day will be Eid. Alarfaj describes Eid in more detail, "Eid is the time when you ask God to accept all your hard efforts for that month. You dress in your best clothes, wear nice perfume, and, well, eat. There is the Eid prayer which is usually outside in an open area because so many people attend. All the people pray together, then there is a sermon after the prayer. Then greetings and gift-giving take place, even children give others gifts. Afterwards, you usually visit your family and neighbors and eat a large feast."

Why go to the celebration if you are not Muslim? Alarfaj answers, "It is a wonderful chance to learn

about Islam and abolish stereotypes. You can learn about the lives of different countries and cultures around the world. Plus, there's going to be lots of great food."

There will also be a guest speaker, Mutaahir Sabree, who will discuss "Islam in the US." Descriptive Islamic posters will decorate the room with even more information and a question and answer period will be held.

Tickets will be on sale in the Student Center Lobby – South Atrium next to I-Club – Monday through Thursday for \$4. Tickets will also be sold at the door of the event for \$5. In the eyes of many around campus, November 2nd offers people the chance to widen their scope of the world, experience other cultures, and eat some great food.

Mayoral Seat Up for Grabs

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If elected, Baroch's goals include economic development, continued opposition of the beltway through Golden, management of city finances, and maintenance of the city's infrastructure. "I think it is important in Golden to continue working on economic development for the city," stated Baroch. He believes that, in order to do this, Golden must foster an environment that is conducive to business. By attracting businesses – particularly retailers – to town, Baroch intends to generate sales taxes for the city and promote Golden's economic development. He proposes to "continue to market Golden as a place to come" through the office of Mayor and the Golden Civic Foundation.

Continuing opposition of CDOT's plan for expanding 6th Avenue and Highway 93 into a beltway is one of Baroch's priorities. "The city has run several studies that show it is not needed," said Baroch. The candidate supports easing the traffic congestion along 6th and 93 by using the suggestions that the Muller study offered. These include grade-separated intersections, 4 lanes, and a 45 mile-per-hour speed limit.

Managing City finances is also a priority for Baroch. He stated, "[we need to] continue to manage finances wisely" stating that "we have done [this] for many years." In addition, Baroch believes that "our highest priority [should be] infrastructure." This infrastructure includes maintenance of city sewers, sidewalks, buildings, and roads.

Baroch asserts that his goals will not need any further financing beyond that which is already allocated. On the issue of economic development, there is a law which limits the amount of incentives the city can provide to businesses; therefore, in order to attract businesses, he plans on using the position of mayor to "sell Golden" to businesses.

On the issue of urban development and redevelopment, Baroch sees the Golden Urban Renewal Authority as the solution. "The [Golden Urban Renewal Authority] is doing a reasonably adequate job [in redeveloping Golden]... that is its role and responsibility."

In regards to the Colorado School of Mines, Baroch believes that cooperation is necessary. It

is "very important to have the two organizations [CSM and the City of Golden] work close together; coordinate our activities," said Baroch. In order to accomplish this, a "close dialogue with the president [of CSM] is needed." He wishes to work with CSM in order to help resolve issues such as off campus parking, housing, and a trail on the south side of Clear Creek. Baroch finished by saying "Mines is part of the city and there should be close cooperation... [CSM] is part of our community."

In closing, Baroch said "we've got a fair city and I want to protect it." For more information about Charles Baroch's campaign, readers can visit his website at <http://www.onlinegolden.com/chuckbaroch/index.htm>.

Jacob Smith, the second candidate on the ballot, is currently the City Councilor for Ward 4. He grew up in Aurora and has lived in Colorado for the majority of his life. Smith earned his undergraduate degree in Oregon and his Masters in Public Policy from the University of Colorado. He currently runs a non-profit conservation group and has been a resident of Golden for four years.

Smith is running primarily because he believes that there is no vision for the growth of the city. "We ought to have a vision, a community vision of where the growth goes and what it looks like... we don't have a vision like that," stated Smith.

With a "clear record of leadership... and a clear record of getting things done," Smith believes that he has the experience and qualifications needed to be the Mayor of Golden. Smith has been on the City Council for two-and-a-half years, has represented Golden on the Board of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, runs a "thriving" nonprofit conservation organization, and "spearheaded" the Golden Sustainability Initiative. Smith also said that his "work with elected representatives from other communities" would help him in the office of the Mayor.

Smith is running on a platform of four major issues: implementing the Sustainability Initiative, crafting a new community vision for growth, ensuring a balanced budget, and promoting transparency in government. Implementing the Sustainability Initiative includes continuing efforts to make the city

more energy efficient, such as replacing traffic lights with light emitting diodes, encouraging more fuel efficient city vehicles, and increasing the city maintenance shop's energy efficiency.

"Growth is the big, mostly unaddressed issue, and we need to craft a new community vision," said Smith with regards to implementing a growth plan. Smith sees the current plan as being driven by developers. "[We] need our own vision for growth; not the developer's," stated Smith. By having the city initiate the process of development, Smith believes that some undesirable effects of the businesses planning growth can be avoided.

"I believe that city government should spend the community's dollars wisely, and I strongly support a balanced, conservative budget for the city," states Smith's website about his goal of financial responsibility.

Smith believes there is a great amount of "distrust [in the] government." In order to mitigate this, he believes transparency in government is key. "I think its incumbent on folks like me who are elected to represent our communities to go out of our way to re-earn the trust of the community," said Smith. Initial plans to increase transparency include televising City Council meetings, simplifying the City Council agenda for easier understanding, and posting City Council packets online. Smith wishes to continue to implement ideas like these in order to increase governmental transparency.

Smith assured that funding of these goals is already in the budget and will not require any extra money.

On the issue of expanding 6th Avenue and Highway 93, Smith supports the Muller Study's recommendations. Smith believes that the traffic problems on 6th and 93 should not be solved using CDOT's beltway plan. "Don't use [traffic problems] as an excuse to build a giant superhighway" said Smith.

With respect to CSM, Smith believes cooperation is a necessity. "The School of Mines is a huge part of the community... [we need to] have a good relationship," he said. Smith sees working with CSM as a way to solve some of the issues that the city has with the school, such as off campus parking. "Having CSM and the city working well together means a real opportunity to fix some of these problems" explained Smith.

"I want to keep Golden the great city that it is" states Smith's YourHub.com article. For more information about Jacob Smith's campaign, readers can visit www.smithforgolden.com.

Mary Weaver, the third candidate on the ballot, is currently the City Councilor for Ward 1. According to her article in The Golden Informer, Weaver was born in Los Angeles. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Colorado in Business Administration. She has lived in Golden for four years.

Since 2005 Weaver has been involved in many issues as City Councilor. She opposed the building of "a super tower" on Lookout Mountain. Weaver also opposes the beltway expansion along 6th Avenue and Highway 93. She has filed suite against the Golden City Council, City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney for purportedly violating the State of Colorado's open meeting laws (according to her article in The Golden Informer).

Weaver wishes to promote energy conservation, governmental transparency, "walkable sidewalks, equal distribution of parks, and connected bike paths."

Weaver is running "to bring accountability to our city's government" states her YourHub.com article.

According to campaign finance reports provided by the City of Golden, Smith has expended \$11,543.41 on the campaign, while Baroch has expended \$6,945.19 and Weaver has expended \$967.56.

Local Elections

District 1

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In the October 2007 issue of her newsletter (Vol. 7 No. 7), Olson stated that 800 families from the Golden Ridge Condos and Mobile Home Parks were in danger of being displaced. Lynne Timpeiro, when asked about this issue, said, "There is no plan to do away with Golden Ridge and there is no plan to do away with the manufactured park... There is no plan to do away with anything." When Frank Oldham was asked about this issue, he declined to make an official comment on the claims made by Ms. Olson, however he did say, "I think residents need to be vigilant about the development plans or redevelopment plans that may be formulating." Marjorie Sloan said that she felt that the Voice of Golden newsletter misrepresented the facts for its own purposes and added it was unfortunate that it disturbs people for political ends.

The candidates also voiced concern about affordable housing in Golden. As Lynne Timpeiro mentioned during her interview, Golden is included on the roster of the National League of Cities. Currently, however, Golden is missing one of the criteria for being an inclusive city. This criterion is mainly affordable housing and many on the City Council are worried about it. Timpeiro's published statement in the Golden Informer says, "[Affordable Housing] has been a primary goal of mine since I was first elected... we must truly strive to bring affordable housing into Golden – not just talk and then walk." Frank Oldham said that affordable housing is desirable and good, however he mentioned how the southern end of the city has some of Golden's most affordable housing and citizens should be working to nurture the community that is already there. Marjorie Sloan noted that the City Council has been looking at this issue for a while and said, "It is unfortunate to price people out of the community when they work in the community."

In addition to these issues, the voice support for the Sustainability Initiative, the nurturing of Golden's historic downtown, and the preservation of open space. According to campaign finance reports provided by the City of Golden, Oldham has expended \$1,065.25 on the campaign, while Sloan has expended \$4,709.93 and Timpeiro has expended \$415.43. The election ends on November 6 and is being conducted by mail-in ballots only.

District 2

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Karen Oxman, the third District Two candidate, has been the District Two representative for the past four years after retiring in 2000 as manager of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at North Suburban Medical Center. She has served the community in the past as a school nurse, PTA president, and volunteer.

Like the other two candidates, Oxman is also opposed to the construction of the beltway, but asserts the importance of improvements to Highway 93 and 6.

Like Parker, Oxman is also in support of restricting the growth for Golden, but would like to allow more commercial businesses to come to the city. "We need sales tax to fund maintenance of infrastructure, as well as to provide the amenities loved by our residents. Can we balance local business with national entities?" asks Oxman.

Also, Oxman plans to further support the connections between the city of Golden, NREL and the Coors company.

With re-election, Oxman plans to use the next four years to expand the conservational efforts of the city, promoting recycling programs, environmental protection and alternative transportation methods.

According to campaign finance reports provided by the City of Golden, Parker has expended \$774.26 on the campaign, Gallant has expended \$1,335.92, and Oxman has expended \$3,383.27.



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City Offices: Members throughout the local government work out of the 10th street office.

WISEM Presents...

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The Colorado School of Mines hosted a luncheon on Wednesday, October 24 featuring speaker Janeen Judah, President of Chevron's Environmental Management Company. She was introduced to the audience by Deb Lasich, Executive Director of WISEM (Women in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Judah shared past experiences with the audience and offered helpful advice to both men and women hoping to reach a management position in the future. You need "to be technically excellent" at any job you have if you want to be successful, emphasized Judah. Companies want employees who are low maintenance and will solve their problems. To move up in the ranks, an employee had better stand out to the employer.

Judah also said it is important to have what's called an "elevator speech" prepared. An "elevator speech" is a two minute synopsis of one's projects and assets to the company that can be used if an opportunity ever arises with administrators. This will make an employee memorable and makes it more likely that an administrator will consider a promotion for the employee.

According to Judah, a big part of being successful comes from being prepared. Much of her speech was directed towards women. Judah claimed that the biggest decision

"The biggest decision a woman makes is who she marries. This choice influences where she lives, works, and how happy she is."

Judah also recommended that women research how to communicate to men. Women will be better off if they can learn to speak to men because they will be surrounded by them. To illustrate one of the differences between men and women, she used the example of a game of golf: often-times she goes golfing just to have a good time and doesn't keep score, a concept that women understand. Men, on the other hand, go golfing to win, so they opt to keep score. When a man comes back from a game of golf, his buddies don't ask him if he had a good time, they ask him what he shot. Judah stressed



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Networking: Audience members talked with Janeen Judah after the lecture.

that in order to make it in an engineering firm, it is in a woman's

best interest to learn and understand these differences. Through persistence, having a good "elevator speech" and lots of hard work, Janeen Judah has made a name for herself in the world of Petroleum Engineering and she encourages other women to do the same.



ANDY SUDERMAN / OREDIGGER

Anything He Can Do: Janeen Judah spoke about how to be a successful woman in the engineering industry.

Dinner Date Auction

Men, you say there are no women on this campus. Well here is your chance to meet some! The Ladies of Sigma Kappa are holding a Dinner Date Auction to raise money for Alzheimer's Research. The auction will be on Friday, November 2 from 6:00-6:30 pm in Berthoud 241. The pre showing of dinner baskets will begin at 6:00 and the auction will begin at 6:10. This is the perfect event for you have a nice dinner with one of the few women on campus, and help support Alzheimer's research! See you there! Any Questions? Please contact Erin Eidson at eeidson@mines.edu

A Friendly Face

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Everyone knows Willie. He is the hard-working, friendly face of the I-Club who is always ready to prepare any sandwich, burrito, or other grab-n-go item on the menu. He has a unique niche here at CSM.

Willie, a self-proclaimed "cook," joined the Aramark food preparation team six years ago. Before coming to CSM, he worked as a cook at both the University of Denver and Regis University. He said that the students here are "better than the kids everywhere else" because they are "easier to get along with." Willie has become familiar with many students who eat at the I-Club regularly.

He said that the best part of his job is "seeing the kids" and

"talking to them." His fondest memory of his six years at CSM is when the football team became the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference champions and qualified for the NCAA Division II Football Playoffs in 2004. He specifically remembers just being "happy for everyone else." He recalls feeding some of the athletes on the team.

Willie has no complaints about CSM. Though he hates "getting up in the morning," Willie plans to continue meeting students, preparing food, and being a part of the CSM community. So, come down to the I-Club if you want to watch a big-screen TV, do homework, surf the web or just relax, and, in the words of Willie, "come and eat my burritos."

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Geek of the Week

...Chip Davis, Freshman

Satira Tajdin-Labib
Staff Writer

[Oredigger] What makes you a geek?

[Davis] Let's see well, I've known for a long time that I was a geek because when I was 11 or 12 I learned how to program. I spent long amounts of time sitting in my room programming. I don't go out much. I know I should though.

Oh, I'm very smart. When it comes to the history of software and programming, I think I know more than many of the people on campus, not to brag. But I will admit that I don't know everything. Also, I tested out of Calculus I and II, Chemistry I and II, and Physics I and II.

Do you know a geeky joke?

You have to be real geeky to get this one. It is a conversation between a customer and a customer service representative. The customer calls in and says, "I just installed Windows 3.0." The representative says, "Yes?" Customer, "My computer doesn't work now." Representative, "Yes, you already said that."

What are your passions in life?

Besides programming, there are video games. However, I do not own an XBOX 360. I believe the

XBOX 360 is another attempt by Microsoft to conquer another market. PS3 sucks. There are no games for it. I enjoy doing math and science, too.

What is the geekiest item you own?

Probably my computer. It's a MacBook Pro. Although, it has Linux on it...that's how geeky I am.

What do you want to do after you graduate Mines?

All I really know is that I am going to graduate school for sure. I want a Ph.D. Then after that I either want a job in computer programming or in some physics related field.

Does geekiness run in your family?

Actually, yes. My dad has a degree in computer engineering. My mom is extremely intelligent. I wouldn't really call them geeky though. Then again, my dad does like to watch science fiction on T.V.

Who is your hero?

I actually have many. Albert Einstein is one. Then there are Thomas Jefferson and Milton Friedman. Einstein because he was a really smart geek like me. Thomas Jefferson because he has a love of freedom and liberty. And, Friedman because I like his economic theories and think they are right.

House Director for Pi Beta Phi Sorority at the Colorado School of Mines for the 2008-2009 School Year

Full school year commitment is necessary. Must be a senior or a Graduate Student. Compensation includes a stipend to cover half of the room and board each semester. The house is located on campus and is conveniently located near downtown Golden, Colorado.

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Step Up to the Challenge

Satira Tajdin-Labib
Staff Writer

With three video cameras and a professional photographer shooting away, it was obvious that someone important was visiting Mines. Tuesday night at the Green Center the School of Mines was privileged to host a lecture presented by the founder of the Natural Capitalism Solutions, Hunter Lovins.

Famous for her work in promoting the "Green" movement, Lovins was named Time Magazine's Hero of the Planet in 2000. With training in sociology and Law, Lovins expertise is now focused in the field of Natural Capitalism.

She educates her students in courses of sustainability. Attending the lecture was a wake up call to most. Lovins enlightened her audience and perhaps scared some with a complete and accurate picture of the earth today.

"We live in extraordinarily perilous times," Lovins stated.

During the lecture, Lovins discussed how today we live in a carbon-constrained world. And in a world where carbon is labeled a "finite" source, living in a carbon-constrained world is not practical.

Lovins even stated that some countries, even productive Saudi Arabia, have nearly hit the peak in oil production and production will only decrease in the future.

This requires a change in the way our economy and top businesses work. It is now time for companies to change their ways, and many are doing just that. In the past Lovins has worked particularly close with the world's top company, Wal-Mart, prompting them to execute their plans on sustainability and to set an example for other companies to follow. To be more energy efficient, Lovins explained, would actually benefit the companies. That is why companies, without forceful laws, are changing their ways and will save money in the end.

However, it is not just companies making a change. Recently, as Lovins discussed, California, Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona, and Washington jointly announced plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their states. "However, action isn't in governments, it's on campus," said Lovins. She talked about how action first begins with universities, not in governments. On the Natural Capitalism Solution's website, you can download a free step-by-step guide on how to make a change in your community to better the health of the world. That "we have all the technology we need and they meet all the needs of a growing world" was the final topic of the lecture. Lovins educated the listeners by informing them that our world knows how to solve its problems, with ideas such as biodiesel, wind power, and proper recycling, and we have the technology to do so. The world has just not stepped up to do it quite yet.



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30 Days of Night

Konrad Klett
Staff Writer

Vampire movies are generally second class films, but I believe this latest one to be on the low end of first class movies. Arguably the best vampire film is *Interview with the Vampire*. *Underworld* could be considered a fun movie, and certainly a good vampire flick, but not a really good overall movie.

30 Days of Night is what I would consider a very buyable DVD when it comes out. It has a good plot, if somewhat simple; very good acting, if not Oscar worthy; and some fun little twists. Now, when I say twists, I really mean swerves.

There were a few extremely predictable parts, but overall not a movie where a person would get bored because he knows exactly what will happen next. There are definitely bits when the outcome is truly tense because one thinks it could go either way.

It was somewhat slow compared with most modern movies, but that made it feel more like these thirty days of dark were really thirty days (in a good way). I went into this movie quite honestly expecting complete rubbish, and for the first half of the movie I was still looking for fault with it.

Honestly I only picked this movie to review because vampires are just cool; but I was pleasantly surprised with one of the best movies I have seen this semester, and eas-

ily one of the best vampire movies. One of the reasons this film impressed is that it is unique. We have the little town of Barrow, Alaska just inside the Arctic Circle, which of course is why it is dark for so long.

On that note, the friend I saw it with just had to be a Mines student and bring up the scientific details about those thirty days of dark. I did look up how long the sun is down in Barrow, Alaska (our little town) and it is indeed below the horizon for sixty seven days and very dark for thirty.

Beyond that explanation, shut up and try not to be such a geek so you can enjoy the movie. Clearly vampires would like a place that is dark for so long, and the citizens of Barrow turn out to be rather delicious.

The vampires themselves are, for once, the bad guys. They are also very creepy "realistic" monsters, with a fair deal in common with zombies (only sexier).

The vampires look like scary mean pale, faced creatures, not like your friendly neighborhood Count from *Sesame Street*. It was extremely violent and would scare the faint of heart and, at times, even startle the jaded horror movie fan. It was not truly scary though, but rather a suspenseful comic book movie done well.

I will say that the movie felt real enough to make you feel, at least more than any other of its type, like vampires could really exist.

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Brand New Kind of Attitude

Hilary Brown
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Live Nation presented Brand New with mewithoutYou and Thrice on Friday, Oct 26 at the Fillmore Auditorium.

Doors opened at 6pm and the show started around 7. mewithoutYou took the stage to dim spinning lights and began with "Messses of Men" the first song off of their 2006 release: *Brother, Sister*. They played "Oh, Porcupine!," "C-minor," and "A Glass Can Only Spill What It Contains."

Frontman Aaron Weiss's spoken-word delivery alternated with harmonies and shouting. Band members jerked and swayed with puppet-like movements. The band played "Torches Together!" and "Son of a Widow" from 2004's *Catch For Us the Foxes* to the excitement of longtime fans. "I do not exist, only you exist," intoned Weiss as the band closed with "In a Sweater Poorly Knit."

The moshing began when Thrice took the stage. Backlit by strings of lights, the band opened with "Fire-

breather." "Tell me, are you free?" frontman Dustin Kensrue growled into the mic, while the image from 2007's *Alchemy Index: Fire and Water* draped in the background.

Thrice's set included a mix of songs off of 2005's *Vheissu*, *Alchemy Index: Fire and Water*, and 2003's *The Artist in the Ambulance*. Fans met "The Earth Will Shake," "Stare at the Sun," and "Digital Sea" with screaming and clapping.

Audience members were left gasping for air during the intermission as the venue heated up. The heat, however, didn't stop them from chanting: "Let's Go, Rockies."

Brand New took the stage and began with "Not the Sun,"



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and proceeded to play nearly every song off of their 2006 release, *The Devil and God are Raging Inside of Me*, including "The Sowing Season," "Handcuffs," "Luca," and "Limosine."

Many audience members were surprised that Brand New didn't play long-time crowd favorites off of 2001's *Your Favorite Weapon*. Instead, the band played several from 2003's *Deja Entendu*. Audience members sang along to every song, especially "Play Crack the Sky," which offered a slow-tempo break to moshing. After long applause, the band played a long instrumental as an encore.



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Strum the Guitar: Philadelphia band, mewithoutYou, opened the show.

Boo-tiful Ballet: Dracula

Hilary Brown
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

The Colorado Ballet performed *Dracula* in five shows last weekend. With stunning choreography by Michael Pink and a chilling score by Phillip Feeney, the ballet adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic novel couldn't be anything but successful.

Since 2001, *Dracula* has graced the stage with terror and dark beauty each Halloween as part of the repeated repertoire of the Colorado Ballet. Former principal dancer, Koichi Kubo, embraced the show as an opportunity to say goodbye to his fans by revisiting the part of Harker. He has joined the Smuin Ballet of San Francisco and was a guest performer during this year's show.

The show opens with Harker plagued by visions and dreams of the time he spent in Count Dracula's castle. From the prologue, it moves to revisit the events that conspired at Castle Dracula, including Harker's near seduction by three lusty vampires.

Kubo expressed the terror of Harker at being

trapped in a spooky castle, and the distrust at his host, Count Dracula. Dracula was portrayed by John Henry Reid, who managed to forcefully convey the slinking horror that his character evokes. Dracula moved through the scenes with choreography that evoked his many forms: wolf, bats, fog, thunderstorms, and human.

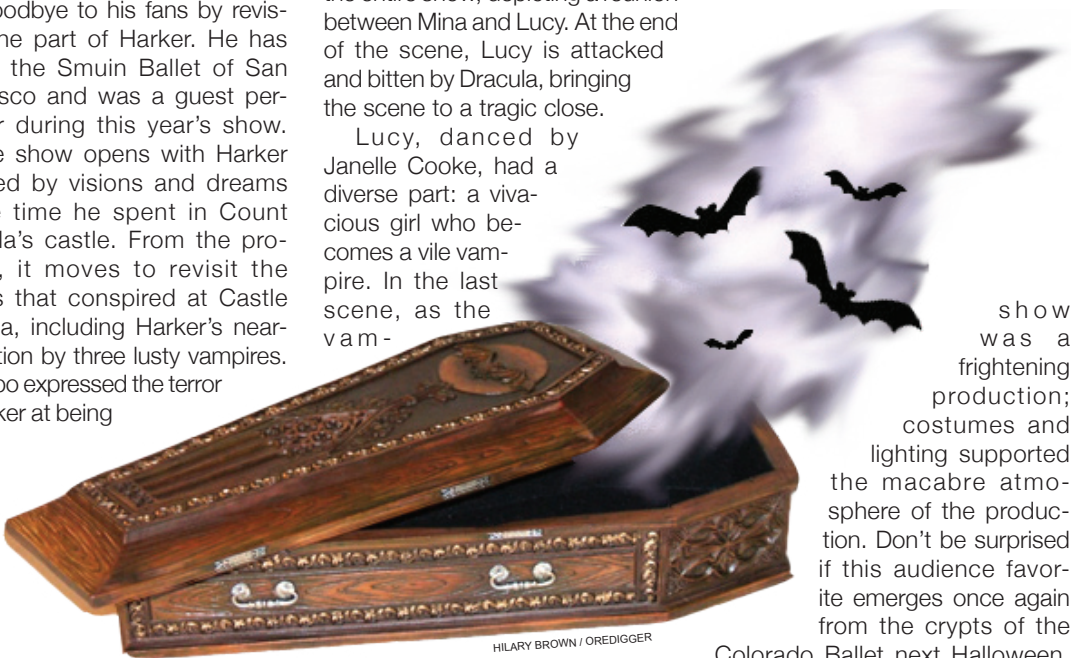
The dance was very contemporary, with the most classical parts being in the second act, with "Winter Garden at the Grand Hotel, Whitby." The first part of the scene was the only arguably "happy" part of the entire show, depicting a reunion between Mina and Lucy. At the end of the scene, Lucy is attacked and bitten by Dracula, bringing the scene to a tragic close.

Lucy, danced by Janelle Cooke, had a diverse part: a vivacious girl who becomes a vile vampire. In the last scene, as the vam-

pires are smearing their faces with blood, Lucy is dressed in white and is covered in blood, showing her character to be truly terrifying and different by the change in choreography style.

Renfield, the mental patient portrayed by Tomasz Kumor, paced back and forth, talking to himself, during many scenes. Kumor's acting on this part was fantastic. He brought his character to the height of audience sympathy as he danced in a straightjacket to warn Mina, danced by Sayaka Karasugi.

All-in-all the



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show was a frightening production; costumes and lighting supported the macabre atmosphere of the production. Don't be surprised if this audience favorite emerges once again from the crypts of the Colorado Ballet next Halloween.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pasta with Puttanesca Sauce

Time: 30 min
Serves: 3-6

1 pound uncooked noodles
5 or 6 cloves of garlic
2 14.5-oz cans of diced tomatoes
1 2-oz can anchovies
10-15 pitted kalamata olives
A pinch of dried basil (about twice as much if fresh)
Olive oil
(you can also add a diced onion, if you have one handy)



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Bring a large amount of water, a generous pinch of salt, and a little bit of olive oil to boil in a pot big enough for a pound of noodles (it should be a pretty big pot). Add the noodles, and cook to desired degree of doneness. While the water is boiling and the noodles are cooking, peel and mince the garlic, drain the anchovies, break the olives into smaller pieces, and dice the onion, if using. Pour a little bit of oil into a frying pan on medium-high heat. If you are using onion, add it now and saute for 5 minutes. Add the garlic, anchovies, and olives, sauté until the garlic has begun to brown just slightly. Add the tomatoes and the basil, cook until thick (about ten minutes). At this point your noodles should be done. If they aren't, it certainly won't hurt the sauce to cook until the noodles are done, just lower the heat to medium or low. When the noodles are done, serve hot with the sauce and some Parmesan cheese. Enjoy!

~ Sara Post, Copy Editor

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Rockies Get Rocked

Colorado Wild Card Team Swept Away in World Series

Matthew Pusard
Staff Writer

The Mile High magic is over as the Rockies lost their final World Series game against Boston. Despite having won 21 of 22 games going into the World Series, the Rockies had lost 3 straight as of Sunday and faced a deficit to Boston that has rarely ever been overcome. The Rockies started out cold in game 1 against the Red Sox after an 8-day layoff. 8 days without a game is an eternity in baseball terms. Normally, the longest break a team gets from baseball during the season is 3 or 4 days for the All Star Break. There were many concerns around town that the Rockies might be adversely affected by this despite and they appear have been well founded. The Red Sox started early against the Rockies in game 1, scoring 3 runs in the first inning against the ace of the Rockies, Jeff Francis. Francis was uncharacteristically shaky during this game, allowing 10 hits and 6 runs over the course of 4 innings. Meanwhile, his counterpart on the Red Sox, Josh Beckett, was electric and impressive. Beckett has been the most solid player

of the postseason so far and he showed it in game 1 by spreading out 6 runs and 1 run over 7 innings of play while striking out 9. The Red Sox bats also came into play by hitting early and often. Spurred on by a Dustin Pedroia home run in his first at bat, the Sox scored 13 runs total in their rout of the Rockies. This was helped out by the performance of Rockies rookie Franklin Morales in the 4th inning in relief of Jeff Francis. Morales clearly did not have his best stuff with him that night as he gave up 3 consecutive bases loaded walks and ultimately gave up 7 runs in just 2/3 innings pitched. The 13-1 loss by the Rockies turned out to be the biggest loss ever in Game 1 of a World Series. Game 2 treated the Rockies differently, but ultimately produced the same result. The Boston Red Sox were led by the veteran Curt Schilling on the mound while the Rockies threw rookie Ubaldo Jimenez out there. Jimenez, who possesses a 100 mph fastball and a curveball that can be described as "dugout to

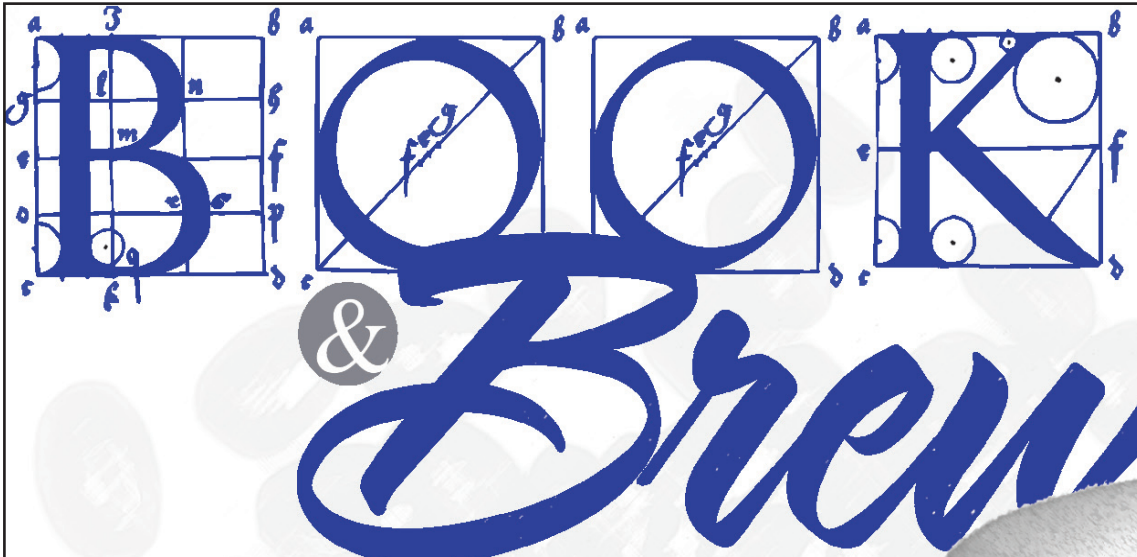
dugout," was good, but the Red Sox were just a little better. The Rockies actually started off first with Willy Taveras being driven home by a Todd Helton sacrifice hit, but it would end up being the first and last run of the game for the team. Meanwhile, the Sox managed to get to Jimenez once in both the fourth and fifth innings to take the lead. Jimenez handled himself better than any

"With a deluge of players under 30 and a lot of players in the minors and even on their team who have yet to mature fully, it is not inconceivable to think that the Rockies can come back to the World Series soon."

of the Rockies pitchers in this series by actually bringing a no hitter into the fourth inning. However, walks were his bane as he allowed 5 compared to just 2 strikeouts. He also had a few wild pitches that almost hit Red Sox players in the head and another that did strike JD Drew in the ankle. But the big story was the Red Sox bullpen, one of the best in the majors. Hideki Okajima threw 2 1/3 innings of perfect

baseball in relief of Schilling while striking out 4. He then gave way to one of the most dominant closers in the game in Jonathan Papelbon with 2 outs in the 8th. Papelbon immediately gave up a base hit to Rockies MVP candidate Matt Holliday, but got it back on a base running error by Holliday. Holliday led off first base by too much and got picked off easily by Papelbon. Holliday ended up a good 2 feet away from the bag, never touching it, not unlike his infamous moment in the Rockies tiebreaker game. This ended any threat the Rockies posed to the Sox in this game. Game 3 started slowly with no runs scored through the first 2 innings, but Rockies starter Josh Fogg crumbled in the third inning, allowing 6 runs to the potent Sox lineup. However, the Rockies were not discouraged and started picking at the lead in the 6th and 7th innings. Although the Rockies managed a meager 2 runs in the previous 2 games, they scored 5 in the span of 2/3 of an inning. This barrage was capped off by a Matt Holliday 3

run shot to left center. The 6-5 score did not last long, however, as the Sox answered it with 3 runs in the top of the 8th. The Rockies once again threatened after that with 2 on base again for Holliday in the bottom of the eighth, but he ended up sending out a long pop fly to end the inning and the last real shot the Rockies had of winning. That leaves the team down 3-0 in the series, a margin that only the Red Sox themselves have overcome by winning the ALCS in 7 games against the Yankees in 2004. As it appears, the Red Sox are a step above the Rockies in terms of talent, but the Sox should not fear. With a deluge of players under 30 and a lot of players in the minors and even on their team who have yet to mature fully, it is not inconceivable to think that the Rockies can come back to the World Series soon. The Rockies payroll will be increased in the coming off-season and young phenoms like 3B Ian Stewart and SP Greg Reynolds could possibly be a part of the team next year. But, for now, all the Rockies have to look forward for is a long, painful offseason after becoming the first runner up in baseball's 2007 season.



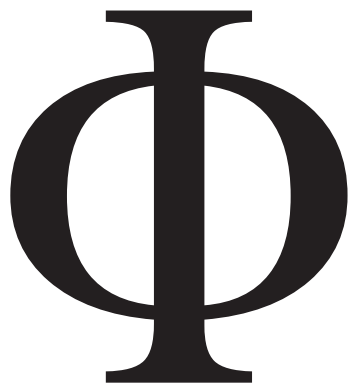
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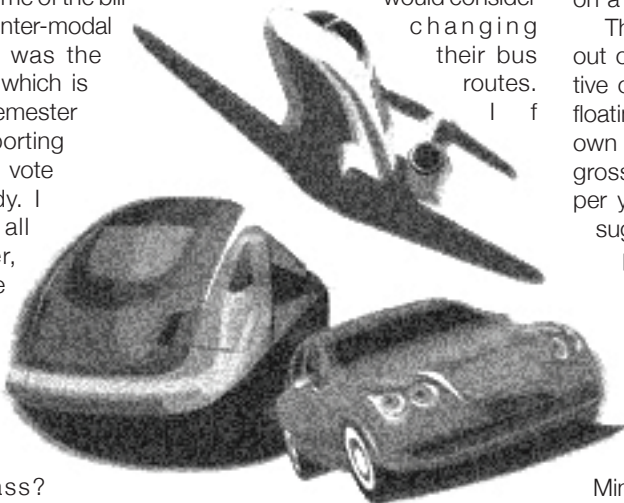
Ideas Wanted for Potential Uses of Inter-modal Transportation Fee

Casey Morse
ASCSM President

Instead of responding to “Beef” this week, I would like to take this time on behalf of the ASCSM Executive Council to address a concern prevalent on campus and provoke discussion for the future. Last year, the Student Council on Sustainability worked hard to negotiate a contract with RTD in order to approve a student bus pass. As the referendum stands, the money approved goes towards “Inter-modal Transportation,” which was the most generalized term ASCSM could agree upon. This allows the money to be appropriated towards an RTD bus pass, a shuttle system, a new scooter for everyone on campus, or whatever else the students might want. The original intent of this fee was to promote a more sustainable, environmentally conscious campus while alleviating some of the parking constraints. These ideas are ones that the ASCSM council thought

the students should embrace whole-heartedly, and that is why this fee was brought back for a vote a second time. At the time of the bill passage, the only “Inter-modal Transit” discussed was the RTD College Pass, which is why the \$35 per semester went towards supporting that after affirmative vote of the student body. I would encourage all of you to consider, to what extent were the original goals of sustainability and increased parking availability in fact achieved by the use of the RTD Bus Pass? The concerns brought up in initial discussions between RTD, the Student’s Council on Sustainability, and ASCSM Executive Council were in regards to the current route system RTD uses. RTD has a *reactive* policy, whereas we wanted a *proactive* policy towards this issue.

RTD caters its routes to demand. If the students at Mines ride the bus more now then they did before, RTD would consider changing their bus routes. If the “rider-ship” does not change over the course of this year, the routes will stay the same. The catch-22 is that the current bus system seemed to the ASCSM Executives as though it would not serve the students’ de-



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mands. So, how do we get students to overflow busses they don’t need to ride, and how do we put students on a bus route that doesn’t exist? The other way to get a reaction out of RTD is for us to be proactive on our own. There is an idea floating around about creating our own shuttle service. The \$35 fee grosses approximately \$300,000 per year. Rough estimates would suggest that we could potentially purchase 4 mini-busses, employ students to drive them, and set our own routes with them according to the demand we observe. Imagine a ‘Digger Bus’ coming to Summit View Apartments, Mines Park, Golden Ridge, and maybe the King Sooper’s parking lot throughout the week. Then we could send a bus to Boulder and Denver during the weekends. This would be one other proactive approach aimed at getting a reaction from RTD. Additionally, RTD recently granted the City of

Golden money to research implementation of a shuttle service. If our system were managed effectively, it could possibly attract grants from the City and partnerships with RTD in the future, which would lower the cost to students. This is just one proposal. The students have control of approximately \$300,000 for use towards transportation in any form. If you had \$300,000, what would you do with it? Are the current goals being accomplished? Are there better ways to address them? Please respond in whatever way you feel comfortable. Put responses in the “What’s Your Beef” box, write a letter and bring it to the ASCSM office in Student Activities, send me an email with your thoughts, or just stop one of your ASCSM representatives in the hallways and tell them what you think. We need to make a decision next semester, and we need your help.

Thank you.

Voting an Important Responsibility

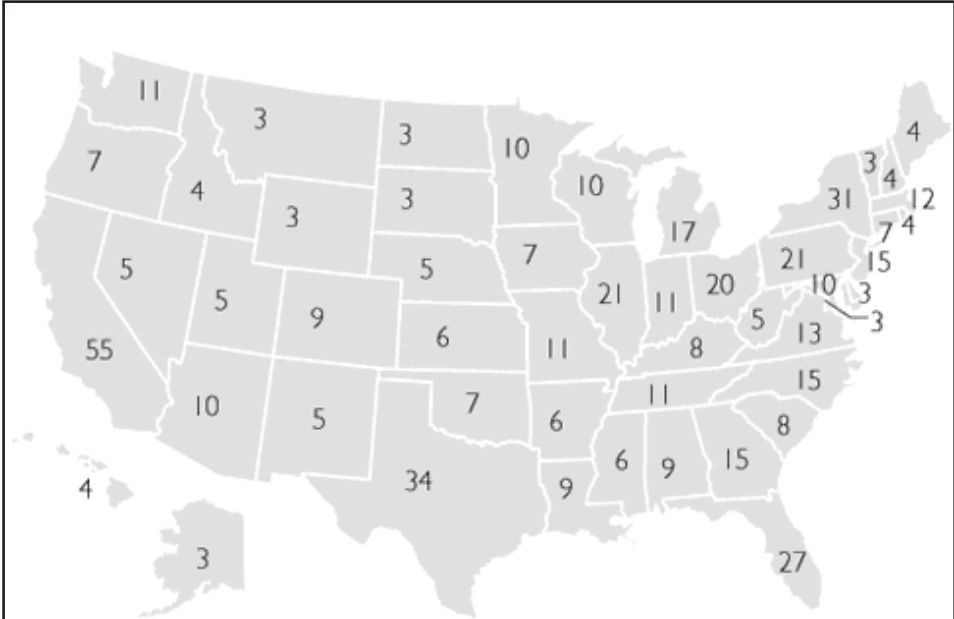
Steven Bolger
Staff Writer

Democracy entrusts the people with the power to govern. Elected U.S. officials rely on different methods of voting to collect public opinion on issues that shape the future of the country. Since the declaration of a democracy in 1776, the U.S. government has continually eased some of the restrictions on voting rights enacted by the Constitution. The right to vote in the first U.S. presidential election of 1789 was restricted almost exclusively to white, Protestant, property-owning males. According to the United States National Archives and Records Administration’s website, only 6% of the total U.S. population was eligible to vote in this election [1]. The Constitution allocated the power to determine voting rights to the states. In general, the right to vote was restricted legally to those who either owned property or paid taxes and privately to those of the Protestant faith. While two hundred years later this may seem unjust, the founders of our country only wanted to ensure that elections would result in the selection of the most qualified candidate. The Protestant, white, property-owning males seemed most capable of making informed decisions. The founders simply

did not trust the common man. The Electoral College, for example, is a manifestation of this distrust of the majority. The primary reason for the creation of the Electoral College was to prevent the people from electing an alluring yet tyrannical president. In The Federalist Papers, Hamilton describes the Electoral College as one of the “precautions which have been so happily concerted in the system” to

Similarly, African Americans argued that they needed the vote to protect their rights after Reconstruction. The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution officially extended the right to vote to all males. The Twenty-Second Amendment proclaimed universal suffrage in 1920. Finally, in 1970 the Twenty-Sixth amendment lowered the voting age to from twenty-one to eighteen. Each extension of the right to

a privilege inherited by our generation that represents the dedication of people before us to the U.S. In light of the upcoming November 6 General Municipal Elections, remember that the right to vote has been extended to all U.S. citizens, except felons, the mentally-impaired, and youth on the condition that we make informed decisions. So respect democracy, your country, your fellow man, and the founders of this country and do not pressure others to vote. Voting is a privilege historically extended only to those who care about the future of our country and wish to make important decisions. If you do not think voting is important, do not vote. If you know someone who does not think voting is important, do not force them to vote. Allow those most knowledgeable about the history of our country to determine its future. This is what the founders of our country intended.



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Breakdown of Electors: The Electoral College carries out the election of the President and Vice-President by state according to how voters choose electors.

allow “as little opportunity as possible [for] tumult and disorder” [2]. The economic ruin wrought by the panic of 1819 produced an outcry from landless men who believed that they deserved better representation in the government.

vote accompanies an integration of a certain group into U.S. society. Landless men, African Americans, women, and finally young adults gained the right to vote only after they demonstrated their importance to society. Universal suffrage is thus

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I have seen the energy efficient wonder car of the future. It's a 1965 Chevy Impala.

Seriously, no joke. The TV show Pimp My Ride converted an old Impala to run on biodiesel for a special Earth Day episode. When they were done transforming the old boat, its gas mileage had doubled to 25 mpg and it cranked out 800 hp from 6.6 liters of displacement. They drag-raced it against a Lamborghini Gallardo, 1/4 mile, and the Gallardo lost by a few car lengths. If you know much about cars, your jaw just dropped.

This is just the most fantastic story I have heard lately about alternative fuel vehicles. The mastermind behind the Bio Rocket, Johnathan Goodwin, has tons of similar projects up his sleeve. For instance, he is setting up a Lincoln Continental with a hybrid, hydrogen-injected diesel engine (quite a mouthful, huh?). His fuel mileage goal for the Lincoln, another heavy old boat, is an outrageously high 100 mpg. He thinks that SUVs that get 100 mpg are well within the realm of possibility.

What we should realize from these incredible accounts is that the alternative fuel technology we have today is amazing. Everything we need to get great gas mileage and wean ourselves off of foreign oil is available. 800 hp biodiesel cars haven't hit the market yet, but already alternative fuels perform better than gasoline. Oh yeah, did I mention that alternative fuel vehicles save their owners \$\$\$ in the long run? (<http://www.caranddriver.com/dailyautoinsider/12302/hybrid-cars-top-conventional-models-in-long-term-value.html>)

The three major alternative fuel technologies available now are ethanol, diesel, and hybrid. Both diesel and hybrid technology increase gas mileage by about 40% without sacrificing performance. Are you dubious? Then check out the stats on the new Mercedes BlueTec engines. Ethanol won't increase your gas mileage, but it is cheaper than gasoline, and it's renewable and domestically produced, as is biodiesel. Other claimed benefits of biodiesel are reduced emissions and an even greater engine life than regular diesel.

So next time you or your family is in the market for a new car, take a close look at alternative fuels. With a plethora of alternative fuel vehicles available, something will fulfill your needs.

-Andy Zelenak

To watch the Bio Rocket episode visit <http://www.mtv.com/overdrive/?id=1557647&vid=145918>

To read more about the inspirational work of Johnathan Goodwin, see the November 2007 issue of Fast Company.

Only in ~~West Virginia~~ America

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If a young white woman was abducted, taken to a run-down trailer park, and held hostage for one week while being sexually abused by six black individuals, it would most likely become a national scandal overnight. But if the races were reversed, it would take over a month for the story to slowly trickle across the nation.

During the week of September 11, Megan Williams, a 20 year-old black woman, was lured to a trailer park in West Virginia where she was physically and sexually abused for six days by three white females and three white males.

She was forced to eat rat, dog, and human feces. They also forced her to drink their urine from a toilet while they threatened to slit her throat.

Furthermore, the six perpetrators took turns stabbing her leg with a knife. They used braided switches to slash her across the back and tied her neck up with cords. They tore out chunks of her hair and burned her head with candle wax. She was raped by all

three men and forced to perform oral sex on them at knifepoint. They even made her lick their toes.

In later interviews, Megan said that she remembers them saying, "This is what we do to niggers down here," over and over.

"At this very moment, America is fighting a war on terrorism overseas against people full of malice and spite. But who are we to say we're a country of moral superiority when Americans are still torturing fellow citizens just because of the color of their skin?"

She also said that she has repeated nightmares of the knife they used to stab her.

Megan escaped while the six abusers were on a "beer run." Police say they received an anonymous call from a neighbor reporting unsettling noises, and showed up hours later to rescue Megan. The six suspects will be tried for their charges in front of a grand jury in January. Between the six of them, they have already been accused of over 100 criminal charges.

When hate crimes like this happen, it is simultaneously terrifying, appalling, and heartbreaking. It's hard to just grasp the idea that people can be so cruel and merciless to an innocent young woman. And it wasn't just one sick, twisted individual. There were six of them, marveling in the horrific pleasure they got from humiliating someone just to feel better about themselves.

At this very mo-

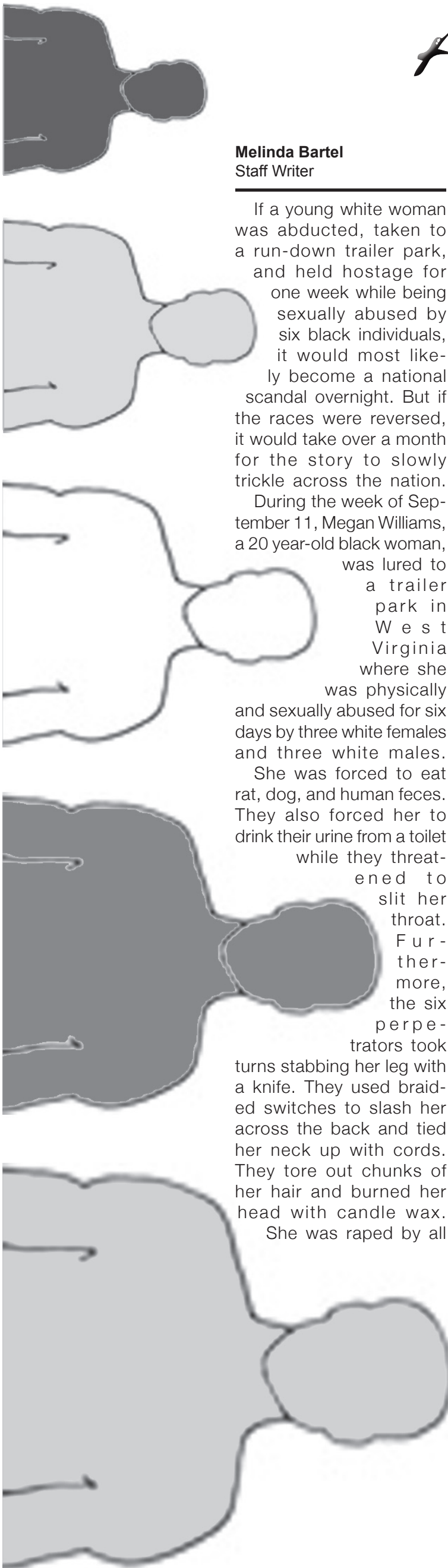
ment, America is fighting a war on terrorism overseas against people full of malice and spite. But who are we to say we're a country of moral superiority when Americans are still torturing fellow citizens just because of the color of their skin?

How can we fight a war thousands of miles away when we can't even conquer the hatred within our own border?

Those six individuals had an unjustified hatred that was so strong it consumed their lives and drove them to be sadistic and inhumane. It's repulsive, and of course my heart goes out to that young woman and

her family and friends. But I also feel sorry for those six pathetic white perpetrators whose lives were so pointless they had to torture someone else to give it meaning. It's like the stereotypical bully in first grade who steals the scrawny boy's lunch money just because he can. Except now it's not a handful of quarters, it's human life.

Those six people deserve to spend the rest of their lives in jail - ashamed, alone, and off the streets where they could inflict more damage. But getting those six people locked up isn't going to cure the hatred in our world or our nation. That has to start with each and every one of us deciding whether to approach our differences with hate or tolerance. Where there is hate, there will be hate crimes. Perhaps it's time for us to pay more attention to hate crimes in our own nation and look at the paradigm that allows them to continue.



Fool's Gold

“Between the Sox and a hard place”

The Mines Engineer: Available in Detective!!!

Michael Stone
Local Detective Trainer

They say a great detective notices the smallest details to solve an investigation. Do you notice the smallest details? Can you recognize the things you see everyday? How helpful would you be if you saw a crime? The following pictures are of brick patterns from around the Mines Campus. Can you match the bricks to the building they came from... without cheating? Answers are on page 7.

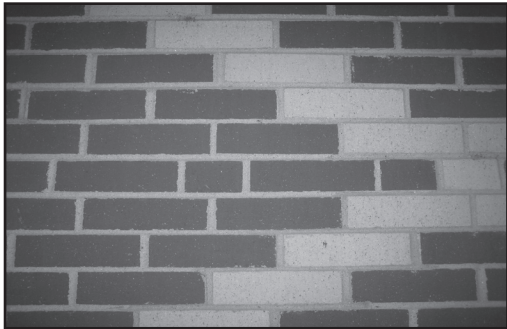
- 1) Alderson Hall
- 2) Meyer Hall
- 3) Brown Building
- 4) Hill Hall
- 5) Coolbaugh Hall
- 6) Student Center
- 7) Green Center
- 8) CTLM
- 9) Guggenheim



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Microsoft Insider

Vista planned to be crappier than XP!

Greg Smith
Computer Savant

Microsoft Software Development Vice President, Ken Shurman, says that from the start, Windows Vista, code-named project “Longhorn,” was designed to be worse than Windows XP. Possible you might ask? Oh yes. That’s why we’re reporting on it. Otherwise, it’s just not news. “What we did,” Shurman explained, “is gave the Windows ME framework a brand new front end, so it looks way more shiny. In turn, it makes slow kids happy, stupid people content, racist people sublime and fat

people less oppressed. When in fact it’s just XP with a slick, Mac-esque interface.”

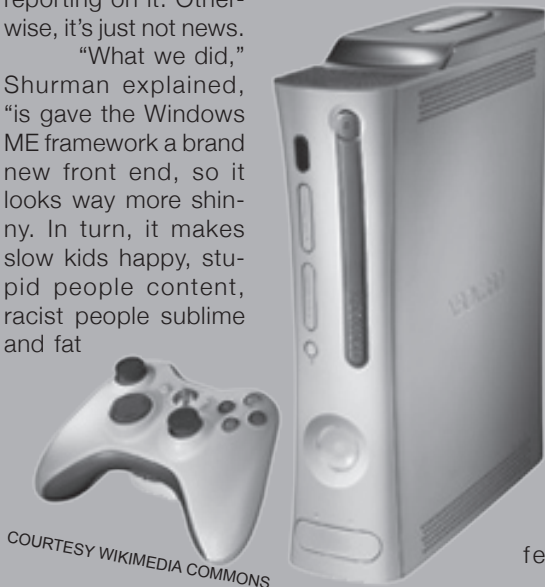
In a recent interview “Time Machine built with Cnet.com, Shurman was asked about the next in, Stacks, Spaces, step for Microsoft Software Development. “It’s hard to say, really. I think we’ll probably just keep copying

Vista or Windows XP. “Well,” he said, pulling out his MacBook Pro, “Apple just released Leopard this last Friday and I’ve gotta tell you- WOW. This is the most awesome I have ever seen. They’ve got a Time Machine built in, Stacks, Spaces, multi-core optimization, and..”

ard this last Friday and I’ve gotta tell you- WOW. This is the most awesome I have ever seen. They’ve got a Time Machine built in, Stacks, Spaces, multi-core optimization, more Stacks, and scientifically and practically the most advanced operating system ever conceived or contracepted by mankind. Over 300 new features ... I’m sorry, what was the question? I just blacked out.”

Apple, it’s worked pretty well so far. They had a 64-bit OS for, what, a few years before us and when we announce that Vista is 64-bit the stupid gits, (Microsoft loyalist and lovers), foam at the mouth with glee.”

He was also asked whether he, himself, preferred Microsoft



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XBox 360- With Vista’s new version, all 360’s will be “crappier” as well.



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Ken Shurman

Snowy Day Invention

For the Singles in the Crowd

Mike Stone
Inventor

When the snow storms hit and people find themselves stuck indoors, they turn to many activities. Couples find warmth by the fireplace, enjoy a candle lit dinner, or just watch a movie while drinking their coco, but what do singles do all on their own? Mike Stone has more with this investigative report.

Thanks, Mike. For years, single men and women have been struggling with the great indoors on weather-forbidding days. Most activities include mindless television, surfing the internet, or filing their sad, sad tax claims. Well, all those mock-able hustles and bustles are a thing of the past thanks to Mike Stone’s new invention.

“It is quite possibly my only invention yet,” claimed Mike, a tall and mysterious man. “After breaking up with my girlfriend, I had to find a way to pass the time. There were no more long phone conversations; no more trips to Miami to mock the seagulls. This took the place of that.”

We have Mike Stone here to demonstrate this new and exciting invention. “Well, Mike, as you can see, the device is pretty much

self-explanatory. It takes up only a small corner of your living room or kitchen and can be used for hours of fun. It will surely be a hit at all your parties as well.”

The invention is so useful, it even improves job performance, driving skill, and memory loss. If ingested, it prevents cancer and is a powerful diuretic. When dropped, the invention even deploys a small parachute to prevent damage. It grates, makes French-fries in seconds, cleans your engine, knocks up your niece and does long division!

Side-effects include diarrhea, narcolepsy, headaches, back-aches, toe-aches, priapism, drowsiness, erratic behavior, cancer, pregnancy, broken bones, shell shock, anal leakage, memory loss, racketeering, or death. Some people experienced rashes on their skin for the first 128 hours.

His greatest invention will be hitting the stores at Target and Walmart in December in time for Christmas or Hanukkah. Be sure to pick up one for yourself or Mike then! I’m Mike Stone. Back to you, Mike.

Shocking Report, Mike. Thank you for your in-depth look. For the Oredigger, I’m Mike Stone. Goodnight, America.

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Rejected Nobel Prize Categories

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| 11.) Nobel Fool's Gold Prize | 6.) Nobel Peace Prize |
| 10.) Nobel Rugby Prize | 5.) Nobel Javelin Throw Prize |
| 9.) Nobel Origami Prize | 4.) Nobel Photoshop Prize |
| 8.) Nobel Beer Pong Prize | 3.) Nobel Dueling Prize |
| 7.) Nobel Dancing Prize | 2.) Nobel Guitar Hero Prize |
| | 1.) Nobel Roller Disco Prize |

An Even More Inconvenient Truth
Al Gore's Quest to be the Best

Tim Weillert
Bathroom Stall Politician

On October 12, 2007, former vice president Al Gore won the world's most prestigious award, the Nobel Peace Prize. In conjunction with the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Gore won the award for his devotion to environmental concerns.

Gore's 2006 film "An Inconvenient Truth" was a factor in the Nobel Committee's decision.

In spite of this, Gore was not satisfied with just bringing environmental issues into the lime light. His next targets are squirrels on college campuses across the country. While promoting his new film "An Even More Inconvenient Truth: Attack of the Squirrels," Gore stated: "These furry little critters have gotten out of control, and human-kind is to blame."

Recent history has seen an increase in squirrels, both rabid and non-rabid, that pushes +0.003%. Not only does an increase in squirrels cause a substantial decrease in acorns, but also causes massive amounts of road kill. Gore continued by saying,

"People have gone with the status quo by not allowing natural predators such as bears, foxes, and Dick Cheney to control the population."

If left unchecked, the number of squirrels in the U.S. could exceed the amount of resources available. Famine would result, affecting every living creature. Given



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Al Gore: After finishing a meal, Gore demanded fish sticks and baked squirrel in his version of "Surf'n'Turf."

all this, what should the average college student do about such a problem? The answer is simple: nothing. Gore has stated many times that this problem is serious, but nothing can be done until he wins the Nobel Prize for Physics.

Fool's Gold Horoscopes

Matthew Pusard- Amateur Astrologist/Proctologist DDS

ARIES

Party hard, do a lot of drugs, and mistreat your body in every possible way, for Keith Richards taught us that God loves irony and crack-heads.

TAURUS

Don't follow Aries's lead because you just look like the type that's going to die young.

GEMINI

Dating is like a box of chocolates. You never know which one is going to have nuts.

CANCER

The stars are sorry that your sign is an ugly crustacean or a STD named after a horrible disease. In retrospect, they say you just got mine shafted.

LEO

You are destined to become a huge reality TV star. Everyone will know your name after your guest appearance on To Catch a Predator.

VIRGO

You will take the saying "Eat, drink, and be merry" to a whole new level when you begin crossdressing.

LIBRA

Avoid the school cafeteria like the plague. This should go without saying because it will give you, well, the plague. (Maybe some pestilence too.)

SCORPIO

You will have that one intense religious experience you have always desired this week when you are hit by a semi-truck full of crucifixes.

SAGITTARIUS

I know they say "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater", but that doesn't mean it's acceptable to throw him out with a bottle of vodka.

CAPRICORN

Halloween will be unpleasant for you as everyone comments on your scary costume despite the fact that you showed up dressed like yourself.

AQUARIUS

The good news is the 2008 presidential elections won't have any impact on your life whatsoever. The bad news is that the school bus through your bedroom probably will.

PISCES

It won't only be your pride that gets hurt when your crucifix truck hurdles over a cliff after hitting a speed bump.

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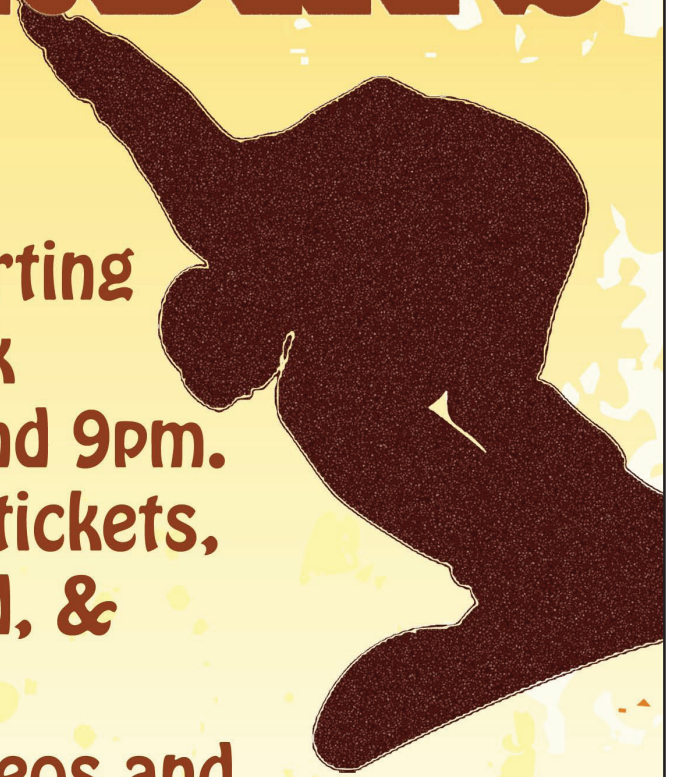


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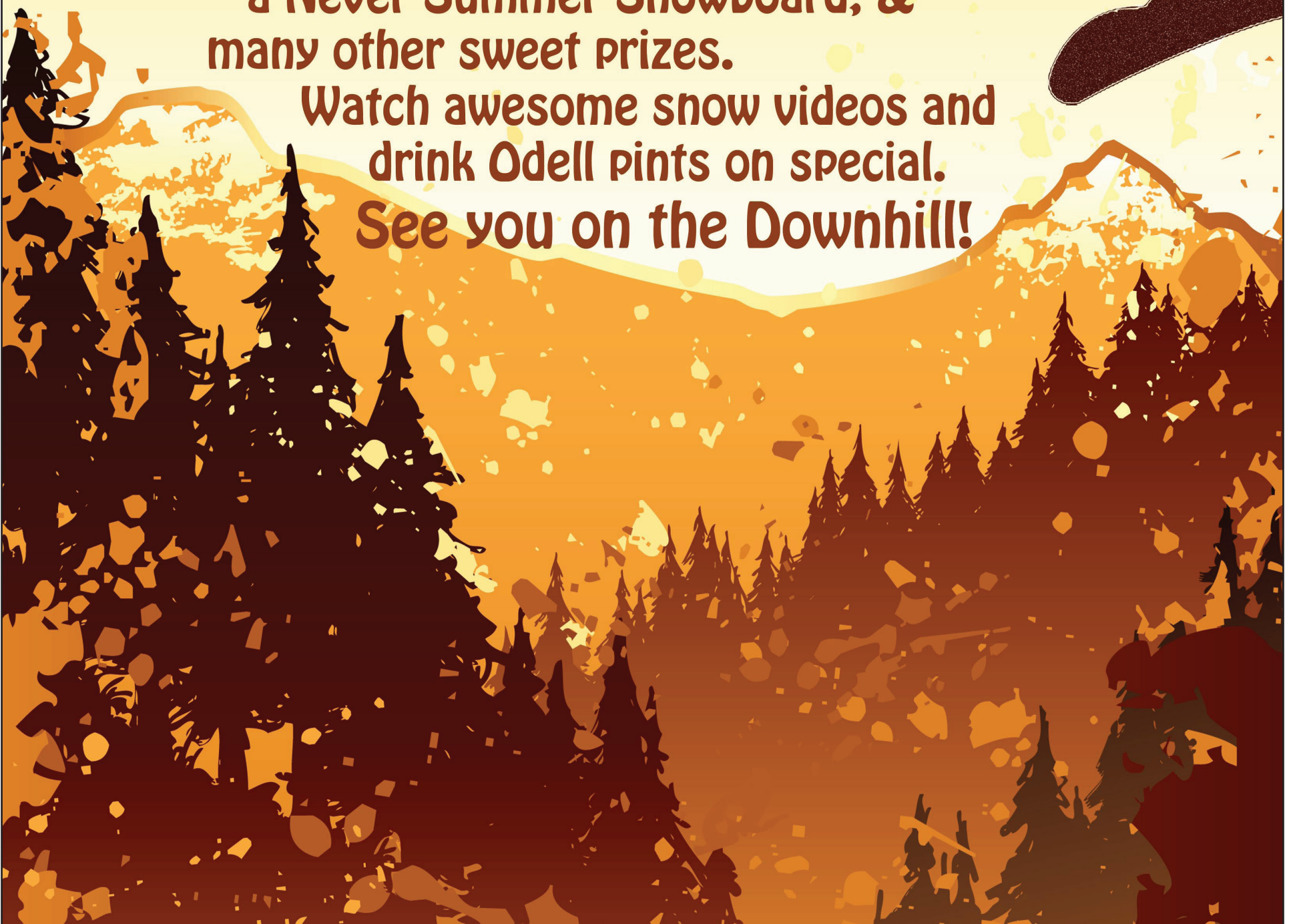


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